

Tactical Bus Lanes

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Metro is partnering with Montgomery County, Prince George's County and Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) to roll out the red carpet for Metrobus customers in Maryland through our Tactical Bus Lanes Project.

Overview

To ensure our customers get to their destinations safely and on time, we are investing in improving Metrobus service and reliability. And one of the ways to provide a better bus experience is through the implementation of tactical bus lanes – dedicated lanes, painted in red, that allow buses to travel separately from general traffic, avoiding most congestion and traffic delays.

In order to have the highest impacts, bus lanes are installed along corridors which have frequent bus service and traffic congestion.

Benefits of Bus Lanes

By allowing buses to travel separately from regular traffic, bus lanes have been known to save commuters up to 15% on their travel time. That improved service and reliability won't just get you to your destination faster, it can encourage more people to choose Metro, which means:

- Reduced traffic congestion
- Safer streets
- Fewer single-occupancy vehicles on the road and decreased greenhouse gas emissions

Test Drive

We are partnering with Maryland's Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA), Montgomery and Prince George's counties to install one-mile bus lanes along the high ridership corridors of:

- Silver Hill Road between Suitland Station and West Ave in Suitland, Maryland
- Georgia Avenue between 16th St and Wayne Ave in Silver Spring, Maryland

This will allow us to evaluate the impacts of bus lanes before launching permanent installations.

Customer Impacts

The design and construction of the tactical bus lanes will involve painting, striping and signage. Commuters, local businesses and nearby residents may hear some construction noise. Additionally, some weekday peak-time parking restrictions may be implemented along Georgia Avenue.

Timeline



Start of
Construction

Spring 2024



Bus Lanes
Expected to Open

Summer 2024



Performance Evaluation
of Tactical Bus Lanes

Fall 2024



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